

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Crim. Action No.: 1:22-CR-11-7
(Judge Kleeh)

DERRICK HAMLET,

Defendant.

ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING PLEA OF GUILTY IN FELONY CASE [ECF NO. 393],
ACCEPTING GUILTY PLEA, AND SCHEDULING SENTENCING HEARING

On May 4, 2023, the Defendant, Derrick Hamlet ("Hamlet"), appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Michael J. Aloï and moved for permission to enter a plea of **GUILTY without a written plea agreement** to Count Three of the Superseding Indictment, charging him with Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c)(1)(A)(i). Counsel for the Government stated on the record that, with Hamlet's plea to Count Three of the Superseding Indictment, it intends to move to dismiss the remaining counts as to Hamlet at the sentencing hearing.

Hamlet stated that he understood that the magistrate judge is not a United States District Judge, and Hamlet consented to pleading before the magistrate judge.

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This Court referred Hamlet's plea of guilty to the magistrate judge for the purpose of administering the allocution, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, making a finding as to whether the plea was knowingly and voluntarily entered, and recommending to this Court whether the plea should be accepted.

Based upon Hamlet's statements during the plea hearing, and the Government's proffer establishing that an independent factual basis for the plea existed, the magistrate judge found that Hamlet was competent to enter a plea, that the plea was freely and voluntarily given, that Hamlet understood the charges against him and the consequences of his plea, and that a factual basis existed for the tendered plea. The magistrate judge issued a *Report and Recommendation Concerning Plea of Guilty in Felony Case* ("R&R") [ECF No. 393] finding a factual basis for the plea and recommending that this Court accept Hamlet's plea of guilty to Count Three of the Superseding Indictment.

The magistrate judge **remanded** Hamlet to the custody of the United States Marshals Service.

The magistrate judge also directed the parties to file any written objections to the R&R within fourteen (14) days after service of the R&R. He further advised that failure to file

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objections would result in a waiver of the right to appeal from a judgment of this Court based on the R&R. Neither Hamlet nor the Government filed objections to the R&R.

Accordingly, this Court **ADOPTS** the magistrate judge's R&R [ECF No. 393], provisionally **ACCEPTS** Hamlet's guilty plea, and **ADJUDGES** him **GUILTY** of the crime charged in Count Three of the Superseding Indictment.

Pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 6A1 et seq., the Court **ORDERS** the following:

1. The Probation Officer shall undertake a presentence investigation of Hamlet, and prepare a presentence investigation report for the Court;

2. The Government and Hamlet shall each provide their narrative descriptions of the offense to the Probation Officer by **June 2, 2023**;

3. The presentence investigation report shall be disclosed to Hamlet, his counsel, and the Government on or before **July 17, 2023**; however, the Probation Officer shall not disclose any sentencing recommendations made pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32(e)(3);

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4. Written objections to the presentence investigation report, if any, shall be submitted to the opposing party and to the probation officer on or before **July 31, 2023**;

5. Responses to objections to the presentence investigation report, if any, shall be submitted to the opposing party and to the probation officer on or before **August 7, 2023**;

6. The Office of Probation shall submit the presentence investigation report with addendum to the Court on or before **August 21, 2023**; and

7. Counsel may file any written sentencing memoranda or statements and motions for departure from the Sentencing Guidelines, including the factual basis for the same, on or before **August 28, 2023**.

The Court further **ORDERS** that prior to sentencing, Hamlet's counsel shall review with him the revised Standard Probation and Supervised Release Conditions adopted by this Court on November 29, 2016, pursuant to the standing order entered by Chief Judge Groh, In Re: Revised Standard Probation and Supervised Release Conditions, 3:16-MC-56.

The Court will conduct the **Sentencing Hearing** for Hamlet on **September 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the **Clarksburg, West Virginia**,

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point of holding court. If counsel anticipates having multiple witnesses or an otherwise lengthy sentencing hearing, please notify the Judge's chamber staff so that an adequate amount of time can be scheduled.

It is so **ORDERED**.

The Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Order to counsel of record, the Office of Probation, and the United States Marshals Service.

DATED: May 26, 2023

Handwritten signature of Thomas S. Klee in black ink.

THOMAS S. KLEE, CHIEF JUDGE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA